

FY2015 CHNA&HIP Progress Report

Polk County

Community Health Improvement Plan

GOAL	Strategies	Progress on Strategies
Devote additional resources to prevention and wellness	Community education regarding the importance of the physical/built environment to health.	1. AARP sponsored a Walkability Audit by Dan Burden in the MLK Jr. neighborhood
		2. Community Education session by Mark Fenton
		3. Representatives from Blue Zones, Wellmark, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Healthiest State Initiative, Age Friendly Community, Polk County and Healthy Polk meet regularly to explore coordination opportunities.

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Provide youth with more ways to be physically active every day in school so they learn to become active as adults	Priority Strategies have not been identified	No progress

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Increase the availability of accessible, affordable public transportation	Provide many means of access to transportation through the Region (from the Tomorrow Plan).	1. Long range plan by DART. The blueprint for the next generation of bus, rail and high occupancy vehicle services in North Texas has been unanimously approved by the DART Board of Directors with the passage of the 2030 Transit System Plan. The plan covers projects to be undertaken by the transit agency through 2030 in the 13-city DART Service Area.
		2. This goal was identified as a priority in the Tomorrow Plan and Capital Crossroads

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Make sure that all people living in Polk County have health care insure coverage	Take advantage of opportunities of provided by the Affordable Care Act, establishment of health insurance exchanges and Medicaid expansion to increase insurance enrollment.	1. Funding to hire Health Navigators at VNS and Planned Parenthood was secured
		2. Certified Application Counselors (CACs)at multiple organizations (all hospitals)
		3. Organizations with Navigators or CACs formed a Best practices work group
		4. Public, collaborative enrollment fairs

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Expand health coverage and services for families who can't afford private insurance but don't qualify for public programs	Pursue opportunities to take advantage of Medicaid Expansion	1. Funding to hire Health Navigators at VNS and Planed Parenthood was secured
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Ensure equal access to health care for all	Take advantage of opportunities of provided by the Affordable Care Act, establishment of health insurance exchanges and Medicaid expansion to increase insurance enrollment.	1. Funding to hire Health Navigators at VNS and Planed Parenthood was secured
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Encourage more medical providers to focus on prevention, prevention and wellness	Take advantage of opportunities of provided by the Affordable Care Act to encourage a greater commitment to wellness and prevention	1. Engagement with local hospital accountable care organizations
		2. Representation and participation on Patient Centered Medical Home Advisory Council

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Empower more people to take more responsibility for maintaining their health	Take advantage of opportunities offered by the Affordable Care Act	1. YMCA convenes a monthly wellness roundtable
		2. Additional health coaches hired and many provider organizations

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Advocate for affordable, quality, sand safe housing	Identify needs and priorities for the community	1. Housing Tomorrow Plan developed by the Polk County Housing Trust Fund. First regional plan for affordable housing. Part of the tomorrow up.

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Ensure access to affordable, healthy food for everyone	Facilitate better coordination among food safety-net providers.	1. Healthy Food Stakeholder Group facilitated by Eat Greater Des Moines
		2. Formation of the Partnership for a Hunger Free Polk County